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- 1. ROSEMARY CONWAY WAS FREED BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT AFTER MORE THAN TWO MONTHS OF IMPRISONMENT MONDAY AFTERNOON (AUGUST 11) AT ABOUT 5:30 P.M. SHE WILL STAY OVERNIGHT IN VIENTIANE AND WILL LEAVE FOR THAILAND TOMORROW (AUGUST 12).
- 2. MS. CONWAY, 35, OF CHICAGO AND LAS VEGAS, WAS ARRESTED JUNE 4 IN VIENTIANE. CONSULAR ACCESS HAD BEEN DENIED SINCE JUNE 11. NO CHARGES WERE EVER STATED UNTIL THREE HOURS BEFORE HER RELEASE, WHEN AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL WAS CALLED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF MS. CONWAY'S RELEASE.
- 3. CHARGES LISTED IN A NOTE RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY OFFICER INCLUDED ESPIONAGE, INCITING LAO PILOTS TO FLEE TO THAILAND WITH THEIR AIRPLANES, AND CAUSING DISTURBANCES. MS. CONWAY DENIES SHE SIGNED ANY CONFESSION. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL DID NOT, RPT. NOT, SIGN ANY DOCUMENT. UNCLASSIFIED

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4. THE RELEASE, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 3. P.M.,
WAS DELAYED BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT FOR TWO AND ONE HALF
HOURS FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. MS. CONWAY'S PASSPORT IS STILL
HELD BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT, SO SHE WAS UNABLE TO LEAVE LAOS
IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING RELEASED. MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD EMBASSY
OFFICIALS TO PICK UP MS. CONWAY'S PASSPORT TOMORROW
AT 10 A.M.

5. MS. CONWAY APPEARED IN REASONABLY GOOD HEALTH, AND WAS "VERY HAPPY TO GET OUT OF THAT PRISON." SHE HAS NOT YET BEEN EXAMINED BY A PHYSICIAN. CONVERSE

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